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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): An anti-snoring device comprising a compressor (2) and a tube (11) connected to said compressor,

characterized in that wherein

the said -compressor (2)-feeds compressed air through the said tube conduit (11) to a nasal air cannula (1)-, said nasal air cannula in turn applying the compressed air into the nose of a sleeping person's nose.

- 2. (currently amended): <u>The aAnti-snoring device as claimed in claim 1</u>, eharacterized in that the wherein said air compressed by the compressor (2)-air is fed through an air humidifier (6)-before reaching the nasal air cannula (1).
- 3. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in claim 2, eharacterized in that wherein the air humidifier (6) is fitted with-comprises a water bath and a temperature control controlling the temperature of the water bath (7) and hence the degree of air humidification.

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- 4. (currently amended): AntiThe anti-snoring device as claimed in one of the above elaimsclaim-1, eharacterized in that the conduit (11)-wherein said tube is long enough so that the compressor may be located not in the a bedroom where said sleeping person sleeps but in an adjacent room.
- 5. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in one of the above elaims-claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said compressor (2) comprises a rotation control (5) controlling the an angular speed of thea -turbine (3) of said compressor, in such manner that the rotation control (5) allows thereby -controlling the -flow of air through the nasal air cannula (1).
- 6. (currently amended): AntiThe anti-snoring device as claimed in-one of the above elaimsclaim 1, characterized in that the wherein said conduit (11) tube comprises a throttling valve (9) controlling the pressure drop across said conduit tube and thereby the flow of air through the conduit (11). tube.
- 7. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in one of the above elaimsclaim 1, characterized in that it includes further comprising a bypass valve (10) running from the conduit (11)tube into the ambient in such manner that the flow of air through the nasal air cannula also may be is controlled said bypass valve (10).

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- 8. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in-one of the above elaims claim 1, eharacterized in-wherein said tube comprises that the an inside diameter of the conduit (11) is of less than 10 mm.
- 9. (currently amended): AntiThe anti-snoring device as claimed in one of the above elaimsclaim 1, characterized in that the conduit (11 wherein said tube) comprises an inside diameter of 4 mm and an outside diameter of 6 mm.
- 10. (currently amended): AntiThe anti-snoring device as claimed in claim 24, characterized in that the conduit (11)wherein said tube comprises a segment of substantial length exhibiting a widened diameter of 10 to 20 mm.
- 11. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in either of claims 4 and 10 to the extent they directly relate to claim 2, wherein said tube is long enough so that the compressor may be located not in a bedroom where said sleeping person sleeps but in an adjacent room and characterized in that the wherein said air humidifier (6) is configured in the vicinity of the sleeping person.

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12. (currently amended): Anti<u>The anti</u>-snoring device as claimed in one of elaimsclaim 2-through 10, characterized in that wherein the compressor (2) and the air humidifier (6) are integrated into one apparatus.

13. (currently amended): A method <u>for</u> reducing snoring,

eharacterized in that comprising insufflating

air is insufflated into the nose of the a-sleeping person (14) by means of a nasal air cannula.

- 14. (currently amended): The mMethod as claimed in claim—1213, characterized in that the further comprising humidifying said air was humidified beforehand before insufflating.
- 15. (currently amended): A s nore-reducing nasal air cannula,

characterized in that

the nasal air cannula an-outlets said outlet having a jacket pipe, wherein said jacket pipe has an end near a patients' nose and said end is configured so that during operation it seals substantially tightly the patient's nose, and wherein a nozzle is configured in the jacket pipe, said nozzle allowing blowing air toward said end of the jacket pipe near the patient's nose, are shaped in such manner that during the nasal air cannula use they substantially tightly seal off the sleeping person's nostrils.

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- 16. (cancel)
- 17. (cancel)
- 18. (currently amended): The nNasal air cannula as claimed in claim 1715, eharacterized in that the wherein said eross-section of the jacket pipe exhibits comprises an inside wall having a constriction-narrowing (22) between the said nozzle (18) and the said tube's end near the person's nose, said variable inside cross-section and then flaring out from the said constriction (22)-narrowing toward that jacket pipe said end near the person's nose which faces the person's nose and thereby subtends forming -a diffusor (23).
- 19. (currently amended): The nNasal air cannula as claimed in either of claims 17 or 18claim 15, characterized in that it moreover comprises further comprising a measuring tubule (26) fitted with an aperture in the vicinity of that said end of the jacket pipe (21) which is near the patient's nose, said measuring tubule allowing measuring the pressure in the nose of the patient.